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1. Shortly prior to 16 November 1948, the Galician Section of the Spanish Communist Party, duly authorized by the Central Committee of the Party, held a meeting with two members of the Galician National Bloc for the purpose of drafting final orders to the responsible political personalities and guerrillas who were to be sent into Spain on or about 5 December. The latter were instructed to carry out their orders jointly with local elements and other personalities who were scheduled to be sent into Spain from America. The Chief of the Guerrilla Group of Galicia and the Secretary General of the Communist Party in Galicia were entrusted with the chief responsibility. The following orders were agreed upon at the meeting:

The Chief of the Guerrilla Army of Galicia will try to set up his general staff in accordance with Directive "106 B" issued by the Military Commission of the Party, which is aimed at the reduction of sections and the concentration of services, so that there are no more than three staff officers. To accomplish this, the Chief of Staff should be in charge of the first and third sections, another officer in charge of the second and fifth sections, and a third in charge of the fourth section and the munitions and armament services.

Order Number "14" of 27 May 1948, dealing with the tactical disposition of the campaign continues to be in effect, with the reservation that if for greater effectiveness more flexibility is necessary in the units already set up, the Command will arrange for the dispersal of forces and the creation of seven groups, instead of the existing four, which will have the following territorial jurisdiction:

First Group - The Province of Orense, excluding the Judicial Districts of Puebla de Trives, El Barco de Valdeorras, Viana del Bollo and Belin *.

Second Group - The Province of Pontevedra, excluding a zone from the furthest end of the Bay of Pontevedra, not including the city, to the Orense border, near Forcarey.

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Third Group - The part of Pontevedra Province not included in the Second Group; a part of the Province of La Coruña, including the entire Judicial Districts of Negreira, Carballo, Ordenes and Muros.

Fourth Group - The rest of the Province of La Coruña which is not included in the Third Group, plus the Judicial District of Santa Marta de Ortigueira and a small section of El Ferrol.

Fifth Group - The northern sector of the Province of Lugo; the Judicial District of Santa Marta*; part of the District of El Ferrol; and part of the Province of Oviedo as far as the Sierra del Rañadoiro, including Castropol and Navia, but excluding Luarca.

Sixth Group - Central sector of the Province of Lugo, extending as far east as the Sierra de Rañadoiro and the Mountains of Leon, including Cangas de Marceas and Ibias.

Seventh Group - Southern sector of the Province of Lugo; El Bierzo and territory of the Province of Orense not included in the First Group; in addition territory in the Province of Zamora around Portillo de la Canda (the latter is in Orense, on the Orense-Zamora border). The forces of the Army of Galicia which are active in the administrative zones of the Provinces of Oviedo and Zamora, for political reasons, will not allow themselves to be known as dependent forces subordinate to the Army of Galicia. This does not apply to the forces active in the zone of El Bierzo.

In connection with the application of circular "11 TT" issued by the Military Commission of the Party, dated 4 October 1948, which refers to the "elimination" of elements hostile or dangerous to guerrilla activities, the Chief of the Galician Group and the Secretary General of the Communist Party in Galicia will consider the creation of a commission to include republican personalities whose integrity is unquestioned, on the understanding that if the Chief of the Army should consider necessary for reasons of security or for the success of the operations, the execution of actions indicated in that circular, he should proceed accordingly, provided that a justifying communication be sent to the Commission, or to the Secretary General of the Communist Party.

The Galician Section of the Communist Party, in applying this circular will try, as far as possible, to consider the opinions and advice offered by the republican leaders, who, both in the Interior and in France, have maintained a cordial relationship with (the Party).

2. By November 1948, the following additional instructions had been sent by the Communist Party to the guerrillas in Galicia:

The Chief of the Guerrilla Army of Galicia will offer his collaboration and support to political organisms which advocate the unification of antifranquist action of all clandestine organizations which are opposed to the regime and which include in their programs the restoration of the republic and the establishment of autonomy for Galicia.

The Guerrilla Army of Galicia, through its political commissariat, must be active in the constitution of these organisms and take the initiative without allowing another organization to precede it.

The Guerrilla Army of Galicia will offer active assistance to these organisms and make available to them funds, services and arms, provided such action does not interfere with its own activities.

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The guerrilla chief will be instructed by the Chief of the Guerrilla Army in Galicia to establish and maintain close contact with those organisms and to make themselves available to the latter for action. Within the framework of this close collaboration, these organisms must supply the Guerrilla Army of Galicia with all information in their possession which could be useful to the guerrilla forces. In addition, they will have to relieve the guerrilla forces on certain missions, principally those of a non-combat nature. For example, the distribution of financial and other aid to the families of the guerrillas; service as liaison between various groups and between the latter and civilian persons; maintenance of conversations or contacts with certain elements for the purpose of gaining support for guerrilla activities; responsibility for deposits of arms, munitions, provisions and tools which the Guerrilla Army will set up in the civilian zone.

3. Colonel Jose GARCIA Acevedo has been assigned a mission inside Spain by the Military Commission of the Spanish Communist Party, according to information of early December 1948. His task, source states, will be the study of problems of reorganization of the units of the Guerrilla Army of Galicia in order to achieve the following objectives:
- A) Development by the guerrillas of the tactics which have been recommended to them.
 - B) Incorporation of each guerrilla unit into one of the seven groups which according to recent instructions will constitute the Guerrilla Army of Galicia.
 - C) Ascertaining for Military Commission of the Party the technical ability and combat value of all officers of the guerrilla units, especially those attached to the Fourth Group in La Coruña, and if necessary, taking action against certain elements who have been reported to be incompetent.
 - D) GARCIA Acevedo, in cooperation with the Chief of the Guerrilla Army of Galicia and the Secretary General of the Communist Party, will try to organize independent liaison services between the guerrillas and the Party, the guerrilla groups and the higher organisms inside Spain, and the guerrilla groups and GARCIA Acevedo himself. GARCIA Acevedo will be in charge of coordinating all reports received through these channels and will send them to the Military Commission where they will be compared with reports obtained through ordinary methods. For the liaison service, GARCIA Acevedo is planning to employ eleven persons especially assigned to him, eight of whom were still residing in France and America in early December. Source states that this independent liaison service is being created because of lack of confidence in the present contacts who apparently are well known to the Franquist police and who have been accused of being responsible for recent arrests of Party members in Galicia.
 - E) GARCIA Acevedo and the Chief of the Guerrilla Group of Galicia will participate in meetings scheduled for the month of January to bring together Chiefs of Armies and Groups for discussion of the application of tactical plan "10-3" which is anticipated for the Spring of 1949. [REDACTED] reported certain plans for a Spring offensive.)

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